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SUBJ: CEAUSESCU VISIT

1. NEWS DIRECTOR OF ROMANIAN TELEVISION, ION LAVRIC, CALLED CHARGE TODAY WITH URGENT REQUEST THAT US SIDE PROVIDE TECHNICAL EXPERT IN TELEVISION FIELD WITH KNOWLEDGE OF BOTH ROMANIAN AND US PROCEDURES AND TECHNIQUES IN THIS FIELD TO HELP ROMANIANS COVER CEAUSESCU VISIT. REQUEST WAS, IN FACT, THAT EMBASSY INFORMATION OFFICER RON OPPEN ACCOMPANY PARTY THROUGHOUT TRIP AS HE DID WITH CEAUSESCU'S 1970 VISIT TO US. LAVRIC SAID TRIP WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT IN 1970 DESPITE ADVANCE PARTY AND EVEN WITH OPPEN'S HELP, AND IT WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT THIS TIME WITH COMPLEX ITINERARY AND LACK OF ADVANCE PARTY (DUE IN 1970 TO COINCIDENTAL PRESENCE OF IVP GRANTEE TUDOR VORNICU).

2. RECOMMENDATION. I RECOMMEND THAT USIA AND DEPARTMENT BRING OPPEN BACK FOR TRIP IN ADDITION TO PAO RENTSCHLER. LATTER WILL HAVE HANDS FULL WITH PRESS AND OTHER MEDIA COVERAGE, AS WELL AS RELATED ACTIVITIES, THOUGH HE OF COURSE PREPARED TO RESPONSIVE TO ROMANIAN TV NEEDS TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. MORE IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, THIS SEEMS VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO SOLIDIFY YET FURTHER OUR EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIPS WITH ROMANIAN TV. PAO RENTSCHLER CONCURS IN THIS RECOMMENDATION.

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3. DEPARTMANT PLEASE PASS USIA AND ARRANGE URGENT CONSIDERATIONS AND RESPONSE.

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